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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Ex parte Quayle Action dated May 09, 2008,  
concerning the above-referenced patent application.